

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Various claims are being amended as shown above. No new matter is being added by virtue of the claim amendments.

In the previous final office action, claims 1-4 and 6-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Rowley, et al. (U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2003/0009754) and McIntyre, et al. (U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2003/0009253) and further in view of "Rembo Auto Deploy: the Automated Deployment Solution Rembo Auto-Deploy User Manual". The previously-cited Rowley patent is directed to a method of installing a supervisory process control software from a central server to a remote computer. However, Rowley is limited to determining if a software component in a source computer is deployed in a target computer. Rowley does not perform the step of matching between attributes in a source device and a destination device. The previously-cited McIntyre patent is directed to a system where deployment is blocked or an error message is generated if the software package to be deployed is incompatible with the target computer. McIntyre does not perform the step of matching between attributes in a source device and a destination device. The cited Rembo paper discloses a system that deploys an operating system snapshot. Rembo does not perform the step of matching between attributes in a source device and a destination device. Independent claim 1 distinguishes over the Rowley-McIntyre-Rembo combination by reciting the step where the user selects the package attributes and data processing systems attributes to include and exclude for

matching. Accordingly, claim 1 is patentable over the combination of Rowley and McIntyre and Rembo.

Various dependent claims depend from one of claims 1, 8, 14, 27, and 34 and are each patentable over the Rowley-McIntyre-Rembo combination for at least the same reasons that their respective base claim is patentable over the same combination. Furthermore, the dependent claims each distinguishes over the Rowley-McIntyre-Rembo combination by reciting additional features in combination with the features recited in their respective base claim. Accordingly, the dependent claims are each patentable over the combination of Rowley and McIntyre and Rembo.

For the above reasons, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the previous rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103.

New claims 44-48 are being added above, and each of the claims 44-48 recites features that are not disclosed and are not suggested by the previously cited references, considered singly or in combination. Accordingly, claims 44-48 are each patentable over the previously cited references.


For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

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